

13 February 1984

Portraits

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Ex-DCI Turner re: his portrait

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1. On 7 Feb. 1984 I called Admiral Turner in Arizona, Tel. [redacted] having obtained the number from his local office, Tel. [redacted]. I told him that his portrait, painted by Mr. Draper, had deteriorated badly and could not be restored. He expressed astonishment, noting that Draper was a reputable painter and that he had seen other Drapers which seemed in good condition. I told him that his was not the only painting with which we were having difficulty, that we had already had a copy made of the McCone portrait, and that several others needed attention.

2. He said that he is now resident in Arizona and comes to Washington only rarely, for very short visits. I told him that the artist would need a single photographic session to get started, and perhaps a final sitting when the portrait was nearly finished. He agreed to try to find the time, and will call me when he next plans to come to Washington. This will not be until May at the earliest.

3. I gave him the name of the artist, Cedric Egeli, and told him we had been very pleased with another portrait which Egeli had done for us. I did not give him Egeli's telephone number at this time, suggesting instead that he call me when he can plan on a meeting with the artist.

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4. I then called Egeli's home in Edgewater, Maryland, telephone [redacted] and talked to his wife. She said Egeli would be pleased to learn that he would be able to take his own photographs on which to base the portrait, and there seemed to be no problem with the indefiniteness of the schedule. I assured her that I would give them as much lead time as Turner gives to me.

5. I told her that we were very pleased with Egeli's copy of the portrait of Mr. McCone, which gave her the opportunity to ask whether the check was in the mail! I told her that others would be making arrangements for payment, but that I would enquire about the matter.

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Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

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